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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY ALERTING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Today, the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) released its findings and recommendations from its investigation into the January 13, 2018, false ballistic missile alert that was sent to all of Hawaii using the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). The Report identifies best practices to guard against the issuance of false alerts and, if a false alert is issued, to swiftly correct any misinformation and mitigate the consequences. On May 15, 2018, the Bureau will host a public roundtable to share lessons learned and help encourage awareness and understanding of these best practices, as well as to promote a continued dialogue among stakeholders.

The roundtable will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at (TW-C305), at FCC headquarters, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20554. The roundtable will be open to the public, and will also be streamed live at http://www.fcc.gov/live. Further details regarding the workshop participants, roundtable discussion topics, and times will be announced by a subsequent public notice.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. We ask that requests for accommodations be made as soon as possible in order to allow the agency to satisfy such requests whenever possible. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information about the roundtable discussion, please contact John A. Evanoff, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau at (202) 418-0848 or John. Evanoff@fcc.gov.

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¹ See Report and Recommendations, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency January 13, 2018, False Alert (PSHSB rel. Apr. 10, 2018) https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs-public/attachmatch/DOC-350119A1.pdf.